



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: Colorectal cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second most common cause of cancer deaths for men and women in the United States, affecting both genders equally; and
- WHEREAS: Every three minutes someone is diagnosed with colorectal cancer, and every ten minutes someone dies from the disease. The vast majority of colon cancer deaths could be prevented through proper screening and early detection; and
- WHEREAS: Colorectal cancer is only detected at an early stage for 39 percent of patients. While the survival rate of those individuals is approximately 90 percent, the survival rate declines to 10 percent if the cancer is diagnosed after spreading to other organs; and
- WHEREAS: If a majority of adults over the age of 50 were regularly screened for colorectal cancer, the mortality rate of the disease could decrease by an estimated 70 percent; and; and
- WHEREAS: Colorectal cancer is preventable, treatable, and beatable in many cases. Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month provides an opportunity to increase awareness of the importance of early detection and screening; and
- WHEREAS: During Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, Georgians are encouraged to assist in prevention efforts and learn more about colorectal cancer, including risk factors, symptoms, and screening options; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2018 as COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 2nd day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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